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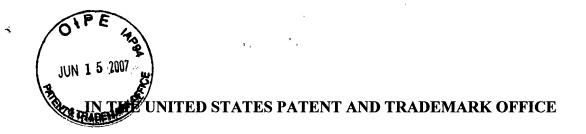
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Sir:

This response is respectfully submitted in reply to the Notice of Abandonment included in the Office Action mailed May 29, 2007. Withdrawal of this Notice of Abandonment is respectfully requested.

Unfortunately, the earlier issued Office Action mailing, date mailed October 12, 2006, was never received by attorney Kenneth R. Schaefer or the Applicant prior to the Notice of Abandonment, as evidenced by the USPTO Transaction History record as found in the Public PAIR system. Recently our firm was contacted to take over the prosecution of this patent

application due in part to the inability of Mr. Kenneth R. Schaefer to act on this case. Accordingly, on June 12, 2007 two Power of Attorney forms were submitted via facsimile (copies attached hereto). Therefore, we respectfully request that the case be withdrawn from abandonment without fee and the Office Action mail dated October 12, 2006 be re-dated and mailed to our law firm, Wolff Law Offices, PLLC, at the address of record for customer number 58937 for our future prosecution.

In *Delgar v. Schulyer*, 172 USPQ 513 (D.D.C. 1971), the court decided that the Office should mail a new Notice of Allowance in view of the evidence presented in support of the contention that the applicant's representative did not receive the original Notice of Allowance. Under the reasoning of *Delgar*, an allegation that an Office Action was never received may be considered in a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment. If adequately supported, the Office may grant the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment and re-mail the Office action. The reasoning of *Delgar* is applicable regardless of whether an application is held abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee (35 U.S.C. 151) or for failure to prosecute (35 U.S.C. 133).

In accordance with 711.03(c)(I)(A) of the MPEP, the showing required to establish nonreceipt of an Office communication must include a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office communication was not received by the practitioner. That statement is provided above and as follows. In response to the May 29, 2007, Notice of Abandonment, and in accordance with 711.03(c)(I)(A) of the MPEP, the undersigned attests that the non-received Office communication, dated October 12, 2006, was not received by the attorney of record, Kenneth Schaefer, or the Applicant, and the USPTO records clearly indicates that the Office communication could not have been, and was not, received by either.

Further, Applicant submits herewith evidence from the USPTO records in Public PAIR that the Office Action dated mailed on October 12, 2006 was never received by the Attorney of record, Kenneth R. Schaefer, or the Applicant, and therefore neither the attorney of record nor the Applicant had notice of the pending Office Action dated mailed on October 12, 2006. Attached hereto is a printout of the Image File Wrapper Available Documents list from the USPTO Public Pair system for Patent Application Serial No. 10/517,396. According to the Available Documents list, the Non-Final Rejection Office Action mailed on October 12, 2006 was returned to the USPTO as undelivered to the USPTO Mail Room on October 23, 2006. The complete document was 13 pages. A viewing of the complete document received by the USPTO Mail Room on October 23, 2006 shows clearly that the Office Action dated mailed from the USPTO on October 12, 2006 was returned to the USPTO on October 23, 2006 for the reason that a Request to Forward Mail filed with the United States Postal Service by Mr. Schaefer had expired. As such, the United States Postal Service returned the Office Action to the USPTO on October 23, 2006. This is evidenced by the last page of the 13 page document scanned into the Image File Wrapper, a copy of which is attached hereto. As a result, no Response to the Office Action was ever prepared and sent to the USPTO because the Office Action was never delivered to the Attorney of record or the Applicant.

In a June 13, 2006 telephone conversation, the Examiner, Nicole Coy, confirmed that this information in the USPTO Image File Wrapper as provided in PAIR was correct and that the Office Action mail dated October 10, 2006 was received back by the USPTO on October 23, 2006, and never mailed again to the Attorney or Applicant before the Notice of Abandonment was mailed out by the USPTO on May 25, 2007.

In a further June 13, 2006 telephone conversation with USPTO representative in the

Office of Petitions, April Weiss, the undersigned was instructed to file this Petition To Withdraw

Holding of Abandonment without a fee, explain the circumstances, and the Office Action mail

dated October 10, 2006 would be re-mailed with a new due date.

The undersigned respectfully thanks the Examiner and USPTO representative April

Weiss for their assistance in clearing up this matter. The undersigned, respectfully request that

the Notice of Abandonment mail dated May 29, 2007 be withdrawn and the Office Action mail

dated October 12, 2006 be re-dated and mailed out to the undersigned with a new due date so

that a Response may be prepared and filed in due course.

Having complied with the aforementioned requirements, Applicant respectfully requests

the Examiner to withdraw her holding of abandonment and to re-date and re-mail the Office

Action dated October 12, 2006 to the undersigned at the address of record for customer

number 58937. Further, if for any reason the Examiner or Office of Petitions believes that the

Notice of Abandonment can not be withdrawn based on the present Petition, the Examiner and

Office of Petitions are requested to contact the undersigned ASAP at the telephone number listed

below, or on my mobile telephone at 703-731-7220, to discuss any issues that might be of

concern.

Respectfully submitted,

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